

Hello members,

April/May 2017

Apologies for the lack of a bulletin for the past few weeks. Autumn is always a very busy time with much happening at *HeritageWorks* and in the community. With term one and the holidays over, term two is the time of year when our member schools begin to draw on our services. W&DHS offers a special membership for district schools, as well as businesses and other institutions, entitling them to multiple access to our mailing list, thus ensuring our newsletter *Warnimble* reaches a wider audience within the school or business. We also offer visits to the classroom and street walks & site visits to member schools. This month St Joseph's Primary School's year 3 & 4 students are learning about early Warrnambool through guided walks of the Fairy, Kepler & Lava St area.



*St Joseph's year 3 & 4 students with Janet touring Kepler St.*

Last weekend Elizabeth O'Callaghan and Janet Macdonald travelled to Stawell to represent W&DHS at the annual general meeting of the Western Victorian Association of Historical Societies. This grouping of societies was formed over fifty years ago to represent the interests of country societies and to encourage the exchange of ideas and foster co-operation between like minded groups. Members come from a wide geographical spread, from Swan Hill and Geelong in the east, to the SA border the group acts as a sounding board for all the member groups, which may be diverse in membership but share many of the problems of maintaining an active membership group. The WVAHS is divided into three zones: Wimmera, Midlands and Southern. Our society will host the next southern zone meeting, to be held at *HeritageWorks* in October.

**Committee News:** Andrew Suggett has recently resigned from our committee. We regret his decision as not only has he served our society well as a past president and committee member, but has been undoubtedly the handiest person any committee could hope for. Unsurprisingly, his stated reason for stepping down was that he has been headhunted by other local groups. WDHS committee reluctantly acceded to Andrew's resignation, but only on the grounds that he continues to attend working bees, show up with a truck, tools & paint brush when requested. "Andrew's Office", the cave crammed with furniture on the side of the hill on the east side of History House will retain its name in his honour. A huge thank you, Andrew.

**New Acquisitons:** A steady stream of new acquisitions lately, though none with quite the commanding presence of our new building! With the recent sale of the St John's Presbyterian Church halls, the church management group sought a new home for their model of the church. W&DHS was very pleased to accept this gift as it is a spectacular piece of work, built c. 1915 by one of our pioneer town citizens. Johann Carl Augustus Landmann was born in Silesia, Poland in 1826, and arrived in Australia with his wife Anna Rosina, seeking a new life free from Prussian domination, economic crisis and conscription. August Landman, as he was known, was a carpenter and joiner by trade and set up business in rented shops on the south side of Timor st, between Banyan and Liebig sts. Later he was to operate from a two storey building in Henna street, the ground floor being the workshop, with the residence above. The model of St John's church was completed prior to the massive fire at the church in 1920, and features of the model such as the dormer vents in the roof are evidence of this. Other samples of August's carpentry skill can be seen in the Ozone Coffee Palace model now at the Warrnambool Art Gallery and a table in the lighthouse keeper's cottage at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum. August Landman died in 1920.



Warrnambool Family History Group Seminar Saturday May 20

Hammond Centre Christ Church cnr Henna & Koroit Sts  
4 interesting presentations by local & visiting speakers  
Book & map stalls and sales  
\$25 per person (\$20 for W&DHS members)  
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